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## President's Letter



Dear Member,

I hope you will like this edition of Bricks 'n Pieces Magazine — our first in full colour. Earlier this year we increased the size to 12 pages and now together with full colour we have a very fine magazine.

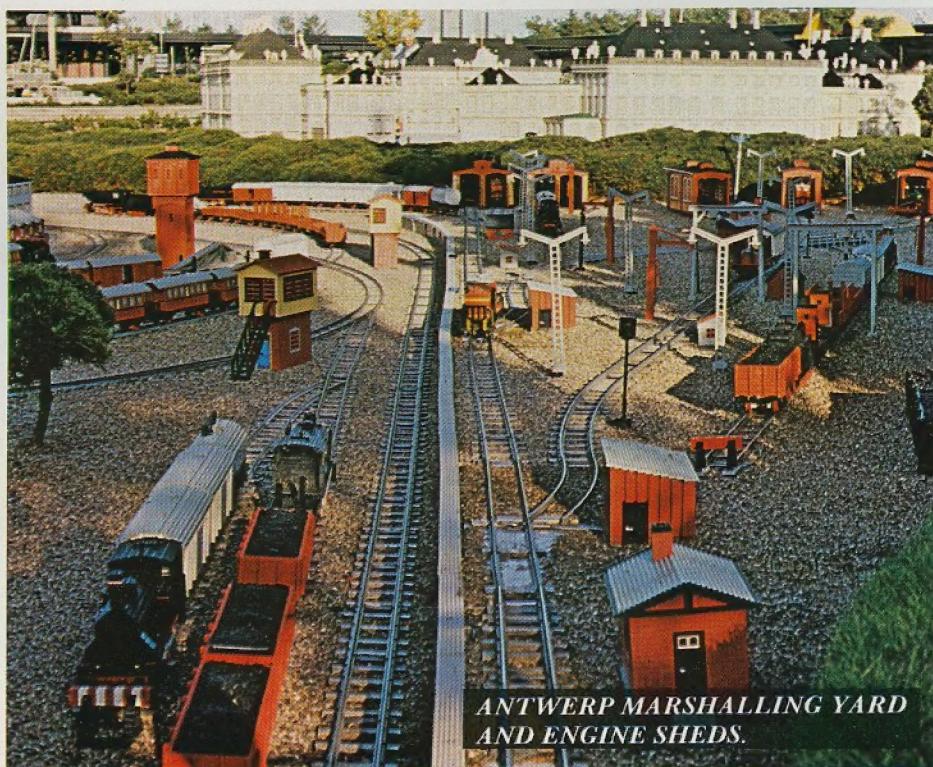
There are lots of interesting things in the Autumn Edition: a fun competition with LEGO® sets to be won; more adventures with Captain Indigo; and a special article about LEGO Model Designer David Lyall who retires this month.

Finally, Christmas is only a few weeks away as I am sure you are all aware. So I hope you all have a very good Christmas and perhaps if you are lucky some additions to your LEGO Collection.

**Clive Nicholls**  
Club President

# THE LEGOLAND® RAILWAY

**LEGOLAND® PARK — DENMARK**



**ANTWERP MARSHALLING YARD  
AND ENGINE SHEDS.**

The Autumn 1982 edition of Bricks 'n Pieces carried an article about the big LEGO Train which you can actually ride on in the LEGOLAND Park. But this is not the only railway in the Park. There is also a very extensive model railway system running through the towns, villages and countryside of Miniland.

This LEGOLAND Railway has trains similar to LEGO Railway sets in the shops, which many Club members will have at home, but a little bigger.

## ANTWERP RAIL YARD

The hub of the railway network is the big rail yard which is part of the model of Antwerp (Belgium). Here are located the engine sheds and marshalling yards, full of locomotives, carriages and wagons. The Antwerp model includes the extensive port facilities which have railway sidings connected to the marshalling yard.

Tracks leave Antwerp in several directions connecting the various towns and villages such as Lillerby and Mollaeen in Denmark, and the picturesque model of the town of Goslar set in the Hartz Mountains of Germany.





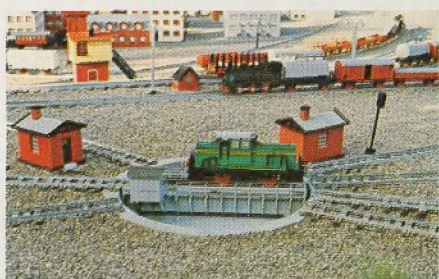
*Local Train Stops at Lillerby*



*Flying Junction South of Goslar*



*Evening at Goslar*



*Operating turntable in Antwerp Yard*

## FISKERBY BRIDGE

An important junction on the system is at Fiskerby, a model of a Danish fishing village, where two routes combine to cross the fully operational opening Fiskerby Bridge over the river. Special signals and track circuits stop the train automatically when the bridge opens to let ships through.

Independent of the main network are two mountain railways. One is a spectacular alpine line running through the mountain scenery of Austria. The other is a railcar line operating above the Swedish village model.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The LEGOLAND Railway has a total route distance of over 500 metres, with an additional 500 metres of sidings mainly in the Antwerp area. There are 13 operational trains running simultaneously hauling 50 carriages and waggons. Additionally there are 250 waggons and carriages in the Antwerp yards.

## COMPUTER CONTROL

Half of the trains are controlled by a computer using interlocking signals and track circuits. The engines are equipped with electronic whistles and the carriages fitted with lights for night running. All the engines are battery powered by 24-volt batteries carried in the trains. These batteries are recharged automatically at night and whenever a train stops at a station via special contact skids between the rails.

The Club tour continues to be rather special because they follow the LEGO ideal that "only the best is good enough", and as such they offer excellent value for money. The programme features the very best hotels in Denmark renowned for high standards of food and amenities. All are set in lovely wooded grounds and offer that marvellous bonus — an indoor swimming pool.

A great deal of experience and careful thought has gone into planning itineraries to appeal to members and parents alike. The 4, 5 and 6 day tours each offer different places to see in addition to the LEGOLAND Park itself.

To offer the best possible service, a British coach is taken across to Denmark. This means that from the moment of departure from London (or Harwich) a helpful team of courier and coach-driver is on hand to offer assistance.

At the time of writing, prices for 1984 have not yet been finalised but you can rest assured that, as always, they will offer excellent value for money. You can get the 1984 brochure by telephoning Margaret Scowen on Cophthorne (0342) 712785 or writing to:



It is now three years since SPECIALISED TOURS introduced their first programme of 4 day tours to LEGOLAND Park for Club Members. Nearly 2,500 people have enjoyed these tours, with many returning a second and third time. Naturally, you can't stop a good idea spreading and these days one often sees new tours featuring the LEGOLAND Park.



# GOODBYE DAVID LYALL



*David with Old King Cole 1980*

Many LEGO Club members will be sorry to hear that Model Designer David Lyall retires at the end of November. Fortunately we have been able to secure an exclusive interview with the man who builds LEGO models for a living.

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"All good things must come to an end, and after 20 years of playing with LEGO bricks every day, this will come to an end with my retirement at the end of November" says David.

"It was on 4th November 1962", continues David, "that I joined LEGO and I can still remember the day. My first model was a small cow. My first really big model was Alice in Wonderland for the Christmas Grotto of a big London store in 1963.

The whole display covered 2000 square feet".

"When I first started building LEGO models, the choice of bricks was very limited compared with today. Countless changes and new brick and component designs over the years have helped us all to build more realistic and exciting models. The small plates or slimbricks in particular allowed me to construct much more realistic and graceful models".



"Some of my favourite models have been the Irish State Coach (which I spent a day drawing in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace), and St. George and the Dragon which was one of the most difficult models I have ever built.

"I will think of all the LEGO Club Members in the future and wish you all many happy years of building. I certainly hope to come along to future Club Rallies".

**DAVID LYALL**



*The Irish State Coach 1977*



*African Safari 1978*



*LEGOLAND Space Cruiser 1979*



*The King was in the Counting House 1979*



*St. George and the Dragon 1980*



*Gullivers Travels 1975*

I am sure you will all join me to wish David a long and happy retirement. He will of course, keep in touch with the LEGO Club staff at Wrexham, and he has a collection of LEGO models at home — including a portrait of the famous film star Marilyn Monroe.

**EDITOR**





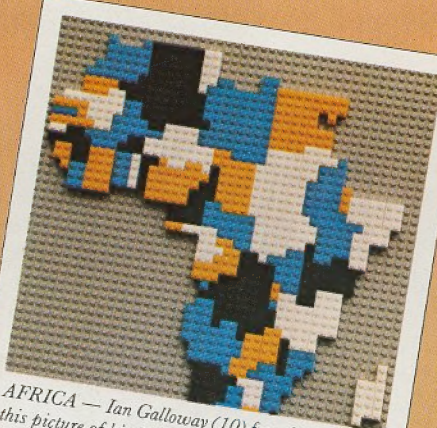
**RECOVERY VEHICLE** — David Foster from Dundee built this breakdown recovery truck. It has a working engine, proper steering, tilting cab, and a working hoist. David is obviously a LEGO TECHNIC expert.



**TRAIN DERAILMENT** — Peter Brooks (9) from Liverpool sent this picture of his LEGOLAND film crew making a video called 'Disaster on the LEGOLAND Express'. Peter makes his own videos of LEGOLAND stories and plans to make a video of his trip to LEGOLAND park this year.



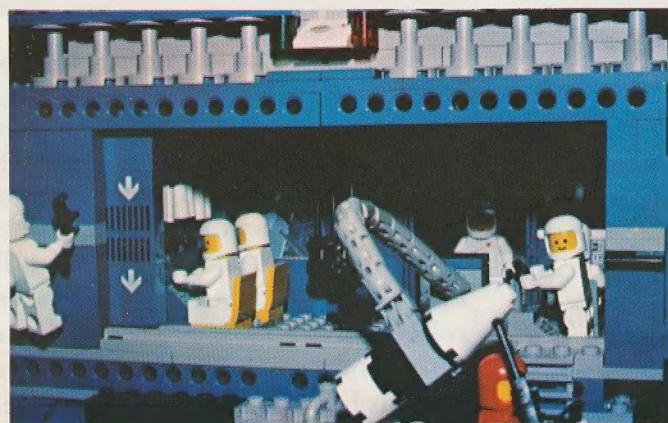
**ROBOT** — Owen Parker (11) from Crawley brought his model robot along to the Club Rally in Brighton, we thought it was very impressive so we got a picture to show all Club Members.



**AFRICA** — Ian Galloway (10) from Hertford sent this picture of his LEGO map of Africa. He built the outline first then filled in the countries in different colours.



**PLANET EXPLORER CRAFT** — James Grant (10) from Gillingham Dorset sent this picture of his Planet explorer and scout car about to set off on a new expedition.



**LOADING BAY** — Martin Bennett (10) from Hornchurch sent this terrific close up shot of the busy loading bay of his Space Cruiser.



**DOLLS HOUSE** — Matthew Brown (6) from Herne Bay thought of an unusual use for his LEGO storage box. He has used it to build this super dolls house for his little brother.



# AWA

A "Golden" Master Builder Badge models are shown here. If you have it in telling us why and how you built it. Builder if your model is shown in t

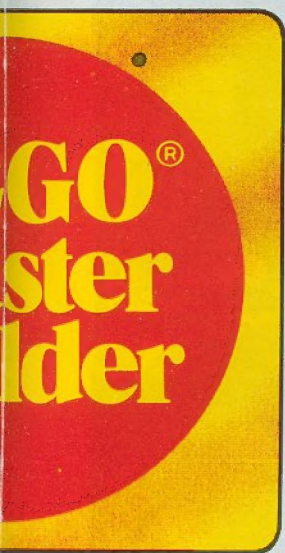




**CONCORDE** — Liam Dunne (11) from Burgess Hill built this very realistic model of Concorde. He made the tail insignia from paper and stuck it on his model for the finishing touch.

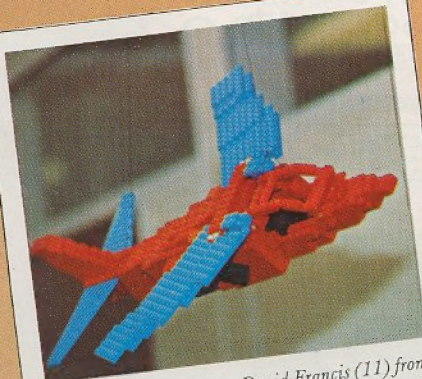


**TRUCK** — Darren Edwards (6) from Maidstone built this superb American style Truck when he was off school with measles earlier this year.



**ARDS**

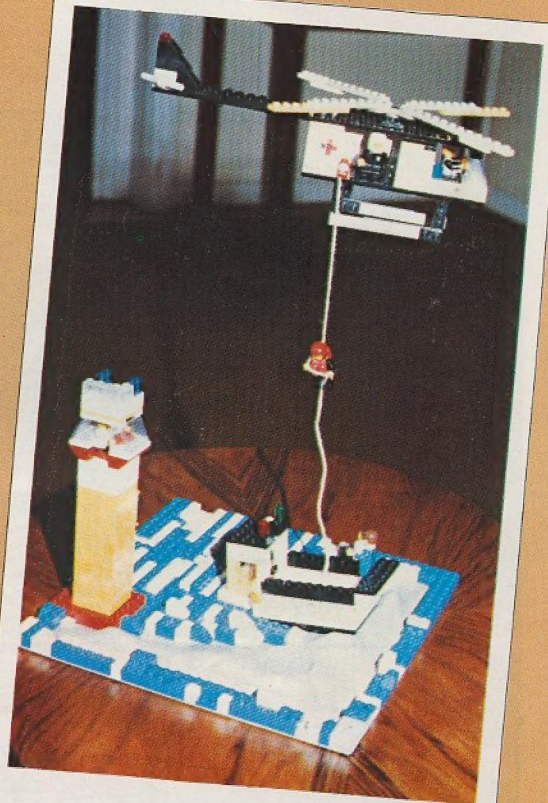
oes to each of the members whose photograph of a special model, send , and you too could become a Master next issue of Bricks 'n Pieces.



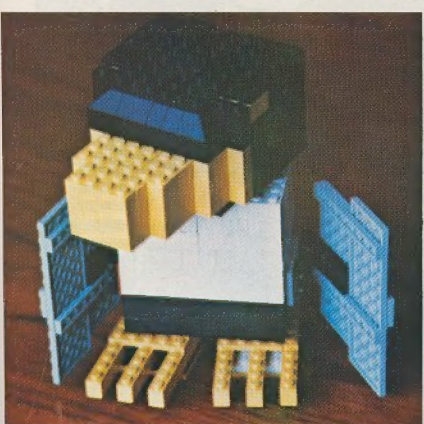
**R.A.F. HARRIER** — David Francis (11) from Dublin built this super model Sea Harrier with adjustable wings.



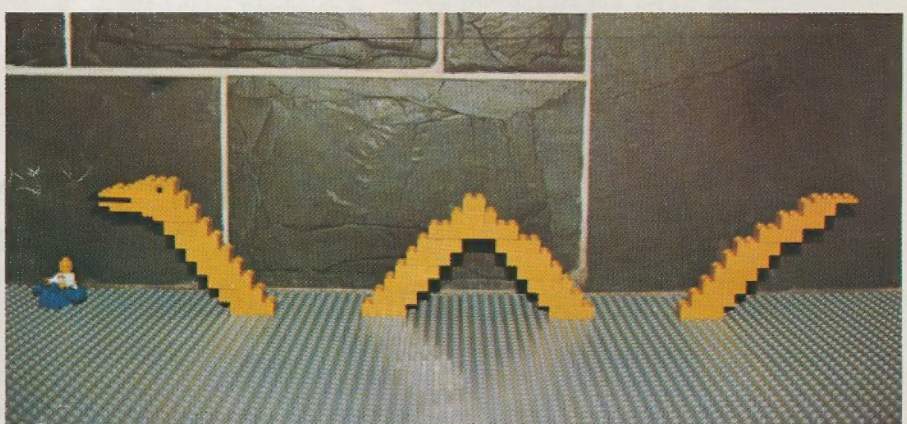
**CRANE** — Niall Lockhart (10) from Northern Ireland built this working model crane. It has a motorised winch and a piston engine that works when the crane is moving along.



**AIR SEA RESCUE** — William English (6) sent us this action shot of his LEGOLAND helicopter rescuing a fisherman from his boat which has been washed onto the rocks near the lighthouse.



**LEGO PENGUIN** — Andrew Walker (6) from Otley sent this picture of his model penguin. A very well thought out model Andrew.

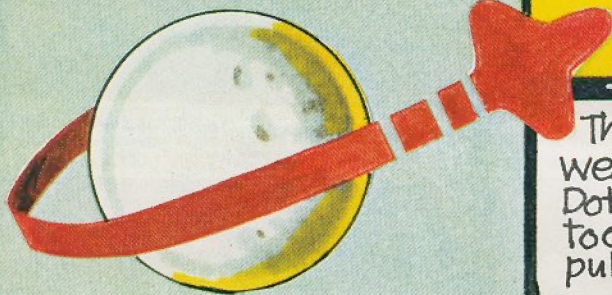


**LOCH NESS MONSTER** — Patrick Bullen (9) from Oldham has succeeded where hundreds of scientists and professional photographers have failed when he snapped this picture of the Loch Ness Monster.



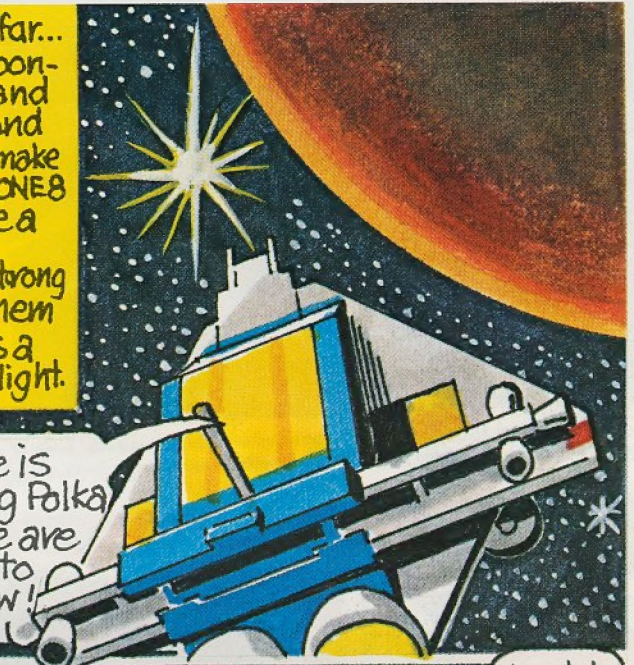
# Captain Indigo

## The Contact



The story so far... Ordered by Moon-base Command Capt. Indigo and Lt. Polka-Dot make headway to ZONE 8 to investigate a U.F.O. However a strong force pulls them towards a strange light.

The force is weakening Polka-Dot but we are too close to pull out now!



Permission to go on immediate leave Captain.

PREPARE TO DOCK SPACE CRUISER WE MEAN NO HARM.

Look! Polka-Dot The bay doors have opened. Shift to retro rockets Lt.

I wish I had your sense of humour Lt. ... WAIT!... A message is coming through.

WE ARE IN GREAT DANGER AND ONLY YOUR EXPERTISE CAN HELP US. OUR PEOPLE WILL BE INDEBTED TO YOU IF YOU COULD RECOVER THE GREAT 'ZARCONIAN JEWEL' WHICH WAS STOLEN FROM US AND - TAKEN BACK IN TIME BY THE WIZARD OF AVALON

Phew! This mission is non-stop. Can we have something to eat first?

WELCOME TO THE MOTHER SHIP OF THE ZARK STAR FLEET, CAPT. INDIGO AND LT. POLKA-DOT WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

OUR LEADER EMPEROR BARTOK WISHES TO SEE YOU, CAPTAIN, YOU MAY BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO US.

Prepare yourself Polka-Dot you're about to meet Royalty.

AH! CAPTAIN INDIGO, YOUR PRESENCE HERE MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO OUR PLANET.

More next issue...



# 5<sup>TH</sup> CLUB RALLY

## Scrapbook

Several thousand members from all over the country managed to get to the Club Rally in Brighton and we hope that they all enjoyed their day. For those of you unable to attend we thought you might like to see some pictures from our Club Rally scrapbook.

### DRAGSTER SPEED TRIALS

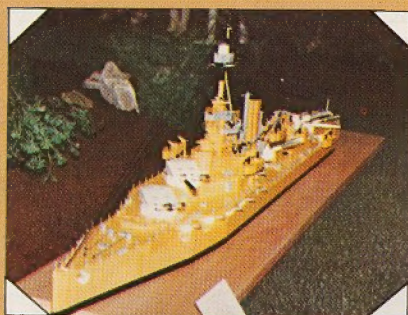
There was a very good turn out of over fifty entrants in the speed trials with some very fast times, especially in the under twelves group as you can see from the results. The first prize in each group was the new TECHNIC set 8090 and the runners-up received a 8844 TECHNIC helicopter.



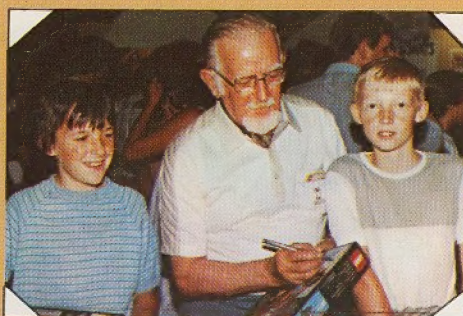
Mark Luff —  
under 12s winner



Paul Hodgeson —  
over 12s winner



One of our adult Club members, Peter Khan from London, brought along this excellent model which is about 6 feet long and took Peter over 6 months to complete. It is a model of H.M.S. Iron Duke which was the flagship in the Battle of Jutland in 1916. The Iron Duke weighed 28,000 tons and had a crew of 995 men. She had ten 13 1/2" guns and twelve 6" guns and a top speed of 21.6 knots.



David Lyall autographs the prizes of speed trial winners Andrew Huckle and Simon Woolf.

During the Monster LEGO Show an attempt was made to beat the existing world record for the tallest LEGO tower. The target was 15m and on Club day members worked hard all day to add a few metres to the tower.



Emma Catermole (6) from Sevenoaks



Daniel  
Rough



Stephen Hubbard



Mark Southern from Crowborough decided to build a rival tower himself in the play area.



Simon Norris from Portsmouth takes a quick lunch break.

### DRAGSTER RACE RESULTS

#### WINNERS OVER 12

1. Paul Hodgson
2. Andrew Huckle
3. Robin Garrood
4. Simon Woolf
5. Darren Haines
6. Peter James
7. David Bechley
8. James Batterby
9. Nicholas Barrett
10. Stuart Smith

#### TIME

- 2.36
- 4.58
- 4.80
- 5.64
- 7.35
- 8.15
- 12.86
- 14.78
- 18.11
- 19.20

#### WINNERS UNDER 12

1. Mark Luff
2. Ryan Plippance
3. Neil Husk
4. Alexander Rodway
5. Mark Selvey
6. Michael Harrison
7. Nick Sprankling
8. Lee Barford
9. William Hutchingson
10. Paul Blezard

#### TIME

- 1.73
- 1.92
- 2.60
- 3.06
- 3.30
- 3.40
- 3.53
- 3.55
- 3.60
- 3.61



# Competition Time

## HOW TO ENTER

We thought we would use these superb car models in our competition this time. The models were built by our Danish model builders and were used in shop displays all over Europe. We want you to match up the names of the cars with their pictures. For example, if you thought that picture 1 was the Ford Thunderbird, then you would put 1 in the box beside Ford Thunderbird. When you have completed your entry, fill in your name, address, and age, remember to print clearly, and send your entry to: The LEGO Club, Competition Time, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL13 7TQ. Please make sure that your entry arrives before Friday 6th of January 1984.

We will be judging the competition in two age groups, the under nines and the nines and over, with ten winners in each age group. We have two super prizes available and thought you might like to choose which prize you have if you are one of the winners. Prize A is the advanced LEGO BASIC set 722 plus the Ideas Book 6000. Prize B is the X15 satellite launcher set No. 6950. Remember to tick which prize you would prefer on your entry form.

1980 Mercedes Benz

1924 Ford Tin Lizzie

1978 Lotus Formula 1

1978 Volkswagen Beetle

1956 Ford Thunderbird

1911 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow

Name .....

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Age

If I am a  
prize winner  
I would like:

PRIZE A

PRIZE B



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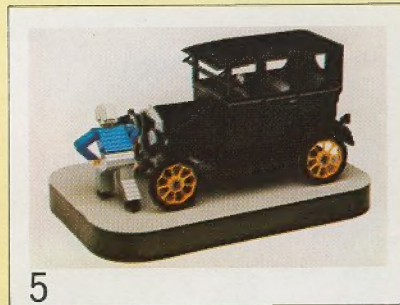
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6



Q. Why do Leopards never escape from the Zoo?  
A. Because they are always spotted.  
David Richardson

Q. What happened to the cat that ate a ball of wool?  
A. It had MITTENS.  
Carl Genchi

Q. What do you use to make golden soup?  
A. 22 Carats.  
Niall Lockhart

Q. What is the difference between an Elephant and a Flea?  
A. An Elephant can have Fleas but a Flea can't have Elephants.  
David Barrett

Teacher: Your homework has improved lately.  
Boy: Yes, my Dad doesn't help me now.  
Derek Piercy

Patient: Doctor, I keep shaking.  
Doctor: Do you drink a lot?  
Patient: No, I keep spilling most of it.  
Derek Piercy

Q. What is a dog without a tail?  
A. A Hot Dog.  
Liza Whittell

Two ducks were flying over a lake, one said "Quack" and the other said "I'm going as Quack as I can".  
Gerard Leonard

Q. What bird is always out of breath?  
A. A Puffin.  
Robert Davis

Q. Why did the elephant cross the road?  
A. Because it was the chicken's day off.  
Philip King





## LEGO WORLD SHOW TRUCK

No doubt many members managed to see one of the LEGO World Shows in 1983 — but did you see the truck the shows are transported in?

Early in May we photographed the truck outside the LEGO offices in Wrexham when it was loaded for the Manchester World Show. We think it looks very smart in its eye catching red and yellow livery.

### COMPETITION WINNERS

We had nearly five thousand entries to our 'famous landmarks' competition so we had a huge task to check all the entries. We had to recruit a few extra judges and picked the winners as follows:

#### OVER NINES

Daniel Williams, Southend-on-Sea	Age: 11
Lucy Galdiner, Kenilworth	Age: 9
Barry Woolley, Beacon Hindhead	Age: 11
Karen Marsden, Kilburn, Derby	Age: 11
Michael Anderson, Castle-Douglas	Age: 10
Tony Glock, Sheerness	Age: 9
James Timmis, Lincoln	Age: 10
Jack Liddle, Surrey	Age: 9
Jane Keate, Cambridge	Age: 10
Martin Reed, Pontypool	Age: 11

#### UNDER NINES

Gregory Jackson, Burnley	Age: 8
Margaret Ann Brown, Dagenham	Age: 5½
Anna Louise Wright, Kent	Age: 7
Kevin Lovejoy, Isle of Wight	Age: 7
Paul Masson, Surrey	Age: 7
Darren Lee, Cleveland	Age: 8
Jonathan Herbert, Essex	Age: 7
Philip Guyler, Nottingham	Age: 7
Martin Cooper, Suffolk	Age: 8½
Becky Johnson, Kent	Age: 4

### 007 JOINS THE LEGO CLUB



007 on his Tomahawk bicycle

It has come to our attention that the LEGO Club has been infiltrated by that well known secret agent Simon 007 James Bond. Apparently 007 has enjoyed building with LEGO for many years and joined the Club when he visited the LEGO World Show in Milton Keynes last year.

Simon, who is 7 years old, has just started at Eastern Green Junior School in Coventry. His hobbies include

collecting stamps, book marks, and postcards, and at present he has 117 postcards from all over the world. Simon enjoys ice-skating and barbecues with his friends. When he has time off from his secret assignments Simon likes to read Enid Blyton books.

While on a special mission to Denmark earlier this year Simon had time to visit the LEGOLAND park in Billund, he enjoyed his visit and would recommend it to other Club members.

#### Schools LEGO® Competition

Following the success of last year's LEGO Competition for schools, this Autumn sees the launch of a 2nd National Schools Competition.

Jointly sponsored by LEGO UK Ltd. and E. J. Arnold (the leading UK supplier of school equipment), there is a choice of three projects: — A dip into the past; Tomorrow's world; and Town and Country.

If your teacher would like further information, he or she can write to:

LEGO UK Limited, Education Department,  
Wrexham, Clwyd, LL13 7TQ

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Age	Chest	Length	Order No.
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8	60cm	48cm	1911
10	64cm	55cm	1912
12	70cm	59cm	1913

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STICKERS (3 sheets)  
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CLUB SHOP  
WREXHAM, CLWYD  
LL13 7TQ**





The November 10th edition of the T.V. Times is a must for all LEGO Club Members, because inside is a special LEGO catalogue featuring all the new sets this year, and a great LEGO Competition.

First Prize in the Competition is a 2 day visit to the LEGOLAND Park in Denmark for a family of 4, travelling on the LEGO executive jet. And there are 1,000 runner up prizes of LEGOLAND Space sets to be won.

All you have to do is answer 6 questions based on the LEGO catalogue free inside the T.V. Times — and who knows! If you don't take the T.V. Times perhaps Dad will order a copy for you.

**Good luck!**

## SPECIAL CLUB OFFER

This dramatic LEGOLAND Space

### “ZERO 10” INTERCEPTOR

is one of a range of NEW space sets that will be in the shops next February.

**£1.50**



Exclusive to LEGO Club Members is the opportunity to buy the “ZERO 10” INTERCEPTOR **now** for only £1.50

Complete with new style blue astronaut, special booster rockets and laser probe, the “ZERO 10” will make a stunning addition to a space collection.

AVAILABLE TO CLUB MEMBERS FOR ONLY £1.50

Offer closes 1st FEBRUARY 1984

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Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 7TQ

Please send me ..... (quantity) of  
“ZERO 10” INTERCEPTOR set at £1.50  
each.



Name .....

Address .....

Post code.....

Please allow 21 days for delivery